

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 6th November 2011

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on 10th December at 11.00 in Portlaoise. Affiliated clubs are encouraged to send a representative.

Echo Ireland

The latest issue of Echo Ireland will be delivered to members within the next few days. This issue includes updates on the activities of quite a few clubs - including Limerick Radio Club, Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club, Mayo Radio Experimenters Network and South Dublin Radio Club. There is also a report on the recent Northern Ireland HF conference, as well as coverage of the IARU Region 1 Conference.

Recent and upcoming DX activity is well covered by the regular "HF Happenings" column by Anthony EI2KC; in addition, Eoin EI9O writes about working VK9HR, the recent DXpedition to Lord Howe Island. Brian EI8IU relates the experiences of the Shannon Basin club on Inisboffin for the IOTA contest, while John EI7JO covers the Rathlin Island activation for the same contest.

The less popular modes and bands get good coverage in this issue, with articles on operating portable on the 500 kHz band, weak signal communication on the HF bands and, of course, more excerpts from the HX files dealing with ATV and other UHF activities. Jack EI7HO continues with his series on making and operating magnetic loops, while Tony EI5EM talks about "SWR and what it means".

Good News on 500 kHz

During the meeting of the CEPT WRC-12 Conference Preparatory Group held in Bucharest between November 1st-4th 2011 a European Common Proposal (ECP) was agreed. This ECP represents the block vote of 48 administrations and was passed without dissent. It proposes an allocation to the amateur service between 472-480 kHz on a secondary basis with a maximum power limit of 5W eirp.

This ECP will now be forwarded to the ITU as a contribution from CEPT to WRC-12.

The IARU would like to thank the European Member Societies who helped to influence their national administrations in this matter. This is an important step in the IARU efforts to secure a worldwide secondary allocation to the amateur service in the region of 500 kHz at WRC-12

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The following is the corrected list of MREN officers:-

Chairperson: Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB Treasurer: Adrian Healy EI2HAB Secretary: Brendan Minish EI6IZ PRO: David Hatfield EI3ECB Newsletter editor: John Corless EI7IQ Rally Director: Padraig Baynes EI9JA IRTS Club Rep: Adrian Healy EI2HAB QSL Manager: Brendan Minish EI6IZ

The MREN Rally would be held on November 20th this year at its now established venue of The Welcome Inn Hotel in Castlebar.

Foyle and District Amateur Radio Rally

The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place November 6th 2011 at the White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 3PA. Doors open at 12 noon. The usual traders will be present and IRTS will have a stand also on display. Further details from www.mn0aku.co.uk

Limerick Radio Club

The next meeting of Limerick Radio Club takes place on Wednesday 9 November at 7.30pm at the Limerick Institute of Technology.

Closed QSL Bureaux

There are 2 new countries that have closed their QSL bureaux, TU .. Cote d'Ivoire and V7.. Marshall Island.

If you work one of these countries then make sure you get the QSL manager or QSL direct. There is no point in sending them to the outgoing bureau as they will only be returned to you.

South Dublin Radio Club

There will be a talk at South Dublin Radio Club on Tuesday 15th of November.

It will be given by Paul O Kane EI5DI, one of the two EI's who took part in T32C DXpedition to Kiritamiti (Christmas Island). All events at the club are open to visitors and we would encourage everyone to come along to Ballroan community centre on the Marian Road in Dublin.

www.southdublinradioclub.ie

DX News

DK9PY will be in Guadeloupe from 6 – 25 November using the callsign FG/DK9PY. He plans to be active on CW on all bands 80 – 10m. Look for him 15 kHz up from the low band edge.

Another expedition to the Caribbean will see three German operators DL8YHR, DL9MS and DL2NUD on the air from Barbados using the calls 8P9DL. 8P9MS and 8P9HP respectively. QSLs go via their home calls.

Ascension Island will see activity by K7ZZ using ZD8ZZ and W6HGF using ZD8F. They will be there from 8 – 22 November using CW, RTTY and some SSB. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of the World.

The Pacific Island of Tuvalu is the destination of 3 Australian and 3 American operators from 11 November – 8 December. The callsign they will use is T2T and they will be active on all bands 160 – 6m and hope to have three stations on-air when possible. QSL Manager is VK4FW.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be

submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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